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Title: Regarding problems being faced by people living in border areas of Punjab.

*SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA (AMRITSAR): I thank you, Speaker ma'm, for giving me the opportunity to speak on a matter of urgent public importance. I would like to draw your attention to an important matter pertaining to Punjab.

Ma'm, in the 1980s, barbed wire fence was constructed along the over 100 kms Indo-Pak border in my constituency. However, it spelled doom for the agriculturists of the area as cultivable land of farmers fell beyond the barbed wire fence. These farmers are given only 2 hours daily to tend and cultivate their land that falls beyond the barbed wire. One cannot do any worthwhile cultivation in 2 hours. Moreover, whenever tension increases between India and Pakistan, the situation here deteriorates from bad to worse.

Hence, I demand from the Central Government that it should provide adequate compensation to these hapless farmers. They have been left in the lurch by the Central Government and are suffering due to no fault of theirs. So, I urge upon the Central Government to bail out these farmers at the earliest.

Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri P. Karunakaran – not present.